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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring the following item to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The enclosed document (1) is an English translation of:

(1) Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 04-217568, filed August 17, 1992 (which was later

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published as Japanese Unexamined Patent
Application No. (A) 06-070079 on March 11, 1994).

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 06-070079 was previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office with Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with the above-identified U.S. patent application on July 1, 1998.

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited document.

As this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is merely conveying the English translation of a document previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, no fee is incurred. However, if it should be determined that a fee is required, please charge any required fee (other than the issue fee) during the pendency of this application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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